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General Assembly
Seventieth session

The first meeting of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for the Small Island Developing States (SIDS), established pursuant to resolution 70/202 of 22 December 2015, will take place *today*, 25 February 2016, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 20 January 2016 and 17 February 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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General Assembly

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
Organizational meeting

10:00 to 13:00 — 1st meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

1. Election of the Chair
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Election of other officers of the Special Committee
4. Organization of work (A/AC.109/2016/L.1 and A/AC.109/2016/L.2*)
5. Venue of the Pacific regional seminar

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2016 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

Sub-working Group 3

10:00 to 11:30 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 5

Sub-working Group 4

11:30 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 6

Sub-working Group 1

15:00 to 16:30 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 5

Sub-working Group 2

16:30 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 6

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/70/95, A/70/357, A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1) [item 7]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 19:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	1. United Nations Disengagement Observer Force	
	2. Executive meeting	

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

15:00 to 18:00	305th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

2016 session
Informal meetings

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Honduras) will hold an informal meeting *today*, 25 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, for an exchange of views between Member States and the independent team of advisors appointed by the Bureau of the Council to support the second phase of the Council dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Mr. Kirit Patel (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944)).

The Vice-President (Honduras) will also hold an informal meeting *today*, 25 February 2016, from 15:15 to 16:45, in Conference Room 12, for an exchange of views between non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council and the independent team of advisors. For further information, please contact the NGO Branch, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (Ms. Aqeelah Akbar (e-mail akbar@un.org: tel. 1 (212) 963-2739)). Additional information on the Council dialogue can be found on the website of the Council and the report of the first phase of the dialogue is available by *clicking here*.

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

The facilitator of the draft resolution on the multi-year programme of work of the Commission on the Status of Women will convene informal consultations *today*, 25 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 25 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by Permanent Missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Thursday, 25 February 2016

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "Responsibility to Protect" (under agenda item 15 and 116) (convened by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Denmark, Ghana, Guatemala, Republic of Korea and Slovenia)

From 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 3.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 25 February 2016

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Global Assessments of Disaster Risk Reduction – Understanding risk for achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Small Island Developing States

10:00 to 12:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Other activities

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Thursday, 25 February 2016

Informal briefing on "The Solutions Alliance" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR))

From 08:45 to 09:45, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Christian Karstensen, Permanent Mission of Denmark (e-mail chrkar@um.dk; tel. 1 (212) 308-7009).]

Fourteenth Annual Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

From 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11. [webcast]

[Members of permanent missions, permanent observer missions and United Nations staff are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Bela Hovy, DESA (e-mail migrationp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9887); or *click here*. To register, please *click here*.]

Meeting on "The 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)

From 13:00 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and from 15:00 to 18:00 in Conference Room 8.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).]

Event on "Realizing migration in sustainable development" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sadia Faizunnesa, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh (e-mail sadiafaizunnesa@gmail.com or bangladesh@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 867-3434).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 25 February 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Seventieth session

A thematic panel discussion entitled "From commitment to implementation: Ten years of the responsibility to protect" will be held on Friday, 26 February 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 10 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting, to hear a briefing on the preparations for the High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS, on Friday, 26 February 2016, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

An informal meeting (closed) convened by the Permanent Representatives of Croatia and Namibia in their capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, for an exchange of views on the issue of the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General, will be held on Monday, 29 February 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, 16 February 2016, dated was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting, on the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting to address the large movements of refugees and migrants on Wednesday, 2 March 2016, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

Draft resolution

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council. The election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

Election of the President, Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session

The election of the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb — A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York

To access the Candiweb, please *click here*.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Vice-Chairs of the Second Committee (Germany and Indonesia) and co-facilitators of the discussions on the review of the methods of work of the Committee, will convene an informal meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, 1 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The first resumed part of the seventieth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will begin on Monday, 29 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The status of preparedness of documentation has been issued in document A/C.5/70/L.25.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available on the website of the Committee at the following address http://www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly requested to submit any changes or additions to their delegation or changes to the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, *in writing*, by note verbale or using form A/INF/70/2, to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (c/o Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

General Assembly

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution)

Thirty-third session

The Working Group III will hold its thirty-third session from Monday, 29 February to Friday, 4 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

The first meeting (closed) will take place on Monday, 29 February 2016, at 10:30. The draft report of the session will be adopted by the Working Group on Friday, 4 March 2016.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-sixth session at Headquarters, from Monday, 6, to Friday, 24 June 2016.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)

The Facilitator for implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) will hold an open briefing to interested Member States on issues related to the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015), on Tuesday, 1 March 2016, from 15:00 to 17:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Representatives of the Procurement Working Group of the Joint Commission established in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of action (JCPOA) and of the Secretariat will also participate in the briefing.

Economic and Social Council
2016 session

Informal informal consultations

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report, will be held on Wednesday, 2 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Coordination and Management Meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting, to be held from Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than* Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); or by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Statistical Commission

Briefings

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission, scheduled to take place from 8 to 11 March 2016, a briefing for civil society organizations will be held on Monday, 29 February 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.

In addition, a briefing for permanent missions will be held on Wednesday, 2 March 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

Forty-seventh session

The forty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 8, to Friday, 11 March 2016, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2016/1 and E/CN.3/2016/L.1, respectively.

Representatives of States members of the Commission, who are entitled to travel expenses coverage by the United Nations, are requested to kindly complete and submit to the secretariat *at the earliest convenience* the forms distributed in this regard. For this purpose, please contact Ms. Li Wang (e-mail wangl@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-4569).

Delegations are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart1@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations. In addition, a print-on-demand service will be made available to delegations, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Victor Leu (e-mails leu@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; Room S-3059; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Further information on the session can be obtained from the website of the Commission (*click here*); or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

The sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 14, to Thursday, 24 March 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 14 March, at 10:00.

The annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2016/1 and E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (*click here*). The list of side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission is forthcoming.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations *as soon as possible* (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers in the conference room, only observers who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat *by Thursday, 10 March 2016*, will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers for the general discussion is open. Requests for inscription should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and functional title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The general discussion of agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 14 March, in the morning, and will continue in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 15 March; in the morning (*from 12:00 to 13:00 only*) of Wednesday, 16 March; in the morning and afternoon of Friday, 18 March; and in the morning of Wednesday, 23 March. For the schedule of the general discussion under agenda item 3, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed *ten minutes*.

Ministerial round tables and interactive dialogue

The Commission will hold four ministerial round tables in the afternoon of Monday, 14 March 2016, as well as an interactive dialogue with ministers on Wednesday, 16 March, from 10:00 to 12:00. For further information, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1), as well as the discussion guide (E/CN.6/2016/5).

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the Minister and to indicate the first preference and one back-up option for participation in one Ministerial round table, *no later than Monday, 29 February 2016*, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

There will be no established lists of speakers for all of the interactive events, including the Ministerial round tables.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service during the sixtieth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

Reports of relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixtieth session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Least Developed Countries (Second Committee experts)

Friday, 26 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

Alliance of Small Island States(AOSIS): Working Group

Friday, 26 February 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

Monday, 29 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Event on "Infrastructure Forum 2016: Discussion on preparations" (co-organized by the World Bank and the European Investment Bank)

Friday, 26 February 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisa Johnson, World Bank (e-mail ljohnson3@worldbankgroup.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4729).]

Event entitled "Mediation in action: DPA's Standby Team of Mediation Advisers" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway and the Department of Political Affairs (DPA))

Friday, 26 February 2016, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Juan Jeannet Arce, Standby Team Coordinator (e-mail jeannetarce@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8044); or please *click here*.]

Inter-sessional workshop on "International Dialogue on Migration: Follow-up and review of migration-related Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Monday, 29 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4; and

Tuesday, 1 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Misato Yuasa, IOM (e-mail myuasa@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 236). To register, please send an e-mail to idmworkshop@iom.int.]

Consultation on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 1 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).]

Event on "Financing of Terrorism through Counterfeit and Organized Crime" (organized by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT))

Tuesday, 1 March 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Laurence Gérard, UNCCT (e-mail uncct@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Implementing International Standards and Norms: Sharing national practices on prison reform" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Rwanda and Turkey, and the Rule of Law Unit (on behalf of the United Nations Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group))

Tuesday, 1 March 2016, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Ms. Adriana de la Espriella (e-mail delaespriella@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2962); or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935)).]

Symposium on "Peace, reconciliation, sustainable development and multicultural understanding" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Bahamas, the Global United Fellowship and the Engr Aja Eze Foundation)

Wednesday, 2 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Angelika Hillebrandt, Permanent Mission of the Bahamas (e-mail ahillebrandt@bahamasny.com; tel. 1 (212) 421-6925, ext. 819).]

Meeting on "Protecting Cultural Heritage – an Imperative for Humanity: Acting together against the destruction and trafficking of cultural property by terrorist groups and organized crime" (at the expert level) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Italy and Jordan, Interpol, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Wednesday, 2 March 2016, from 11:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Luigi Marini, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail luigi.marini@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5336).]

Special event on the occasion of the World Wildlife Day (A/RES/68/205) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Gabon, Germany and Thailand, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the World Bank Group)

Thursday, 3 March 2016, from 11:30 to 13:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Eva Gurria, UNDP (e-mail eva.gurria@undp.org; tel. 1 (646) 781-4052). To register, please *click here*.]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the months of *February* and *March 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents (English and Spanish)

Finding speeches

Security Council documentation

General Assembly documentation

Treaty research

Basic research on United Nations topics

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

In addition, the library will conduct lunch hour information sessions during the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (14 to 24 March 2016), in the Library (Room L-133). All permanent representatives, United Nations entities, and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. No registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament: Call for nominations

The Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to its Note Verbale ODA/01-2016/FP, dated 4 January 2016, inviting nominations to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament. The *deadline is Friday, 15 April 2016.*

For permanent missions that have not yet received this note verbale, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here.*

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

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Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 24 February 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7630th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Letter dated 22 January 2016 from the Panel of Experts on Yemen established pursuant to Security Council resolution 2140 (2014) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/73)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2016/172, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2016/172) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2016/172) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2266 (2016).

After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

7631st meeting — *The situation in the Middle East*

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014) and 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2016/156)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Stephen O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. O'Brien.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

283rd meeting — *Adoption of the report*

The Special Committee adopted documents A/AC.182/2016/L.1 as orally amended, A/AC.182/2016/L.2, A/AC.182/2016/L.3, A/AC.182/2016/L.4, A/AC.182/2016/L.5, A/AC.182/2016/L.6 as orally amended, A/AC.182/2016/L.7 as orally amended, A/AC.182/2016/L.8 as orally amended, A/AC.182/2016/L.9 as orally amended, A/AC.182/2016/L.9/Add.1 as orally amended, A/AC.182/2016/L.10 and A/AC.182/2016/L.10/Add.1 as orally amended.

The Special Committee also adopted a recommendation based on document A/AC.182/L.144.

The Special Committee adopted the report as a whole, as orally amended.

The Chair made a statement and declared closed the 2016 session of the Special Committee.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Operational activities for development segment

[archived video]

13th meeting — *Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation: Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council* [item 7 (a)]

The Council continued its consideration of agenda item 7 (a).

Panel discussion on "Partnership approaches: How to ensure accountability, coherence and evaluation of impact?"

The panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Amir Dossal, Founder and Chairman, Global Partnerships Forum.

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Mr. Ibrahim Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, New Partnership for Africa's Development, African Union; Mr. Sayed Aqa, Vice-President for Cooperation and Capacity Development, Islamic Development Bank; and Ms. Lise Kingo, Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact.

A statement was made by the lead discussant, Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the comments made and the questions posed by the representative of Switzerland, as well as by the observer for the Maldives (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States).

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation [item 7]

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme

(c) South-South cooperation for development

Continuation of the general discussion

The Council continued its general discussion of the item as a whole and heard statements by the representatives of Switzerland, Burkina Faso, the United States, Viet Nam, Argentina, Panama, South Africa, Iraq and the Russian Federation, as well as by the observers for Zambia (on behalf of the group of Landlocked Developing Countries), Costa Rica and Norway.

Organization of work

The Vice-President of the Council (Honduras) made a statement.

14th meeting

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation [item 7]

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme

(c) South-South cooperation for development

Conclusion of the general discussion

The Council continued its general discussion of the agenda item as a whole and heard statements by the representatives of Guatemala, the Republic of Moldova, India, Lebanon, Estonia, Serbia, Peru, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, the Czech Republic, China, Pakistan and Germany, as well as by the observers for Mexico, the Philippines, Nepal, El Salvador and Benin.

The Council thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 7 as a whole.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Vice-President (Honduras), the Council took note of documentation under agenda item 7 (a) and (b).

Summary of the key messages from the segment

The Vice-President (Honduras) made a statement and announced the conclusion of this part of the Operational Activities for Development segment of the 2016 session of the Council.

A statement was made by the representative of India.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

Paris Agreement
Paris, 12 December 2015

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